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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, applicants elect claims 1-11 of Group I, without traverse. Please CANCEL the non-elected claims 12-17, without prejudice.

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